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## NAVCA Health & Social Care Update

Welcome to our round up of health and social care news, resources and events from February 2019.

### Major overhaul of NHS cancer screening

Last week, Professor Sir Mike Richards launched a major overhaul of cancer screening as part the [NHS Long Term Plan's](#) renewed drive to improve care and save lives. Early detection of cancer, while the condition is easier to treat, is central to the plan which aims to prevent tens of thousands more deaths each year.



Sir Mike, who was the NHS' first cancer director and is the former CQC chief inspector of hospitals, is leading an independent review of national screening programmes. He will recommend how they should be upgraded to ensure they remain world leading and that patients benefit from new technologies and treatments.

As part of his work, Sir Mike wants to hear [views and ideas from staff, patients and other groups](#) to inform recommendations for the future of cancer screening. [Read more.](#)

### Eliminating workplace bullying in charity leadership

ACEVO and Centre for Mental Health have this week announced a partnership to research bullying in charity sector leadership.



'Leading safe cultures: eliminating workplace bullying in charity leadership' aims to understand the conditions in which bullying occurs in the charity sector, its effects on individuals and why in some organisations bullying behaviour continues for a significant period of time unchecked.

ACEVO and Centre for Mental Health are asking for those who feel able to share their experiences to complete a confidential online questionnaire, and are also seeking to conduct in-depth interviews with individuals who have experienced bullying in the sector. The survey can be completed [here](#).

The research will focus on bullying that has taken place within the last five years, with a specific focus on the role of leadership and culture in bullying behaviour. Those interested in being interviewed as part of the research can contact ACEVO's head of policy, [Kristiana.wrixon@acevo.org.uk](mailto:Kristiana.wrixon@acevo.org.uk) or [find out more here](#)

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### **Social care sector reaches 'tipping point'**

Following the release of its recent report on the learning disability sector, the chief executive of Hft has described the social care sector as reaching 'tipping point', in an interview with Civil Society News.

Hft's report revealed that the majority of social care providers had been made to cut services and hand back contracts in the past year. CEO, Robert Longley-Cook, said: "...cutbacks have all been coming since 2010 really when austerity started. For me this felt like a tipping point. Before you felt we were on a trajectory towards a painful place, but this actually feels like we might be there."

He also said the quality of social care services is dropping because high standards are not being rewarded. You can [read the full story here](#).

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### **Parents support NSPCC's call for social media regulator**

A survey carried out by the NSPCC has found that nine out of ten parents want to see a social media regulator with legal powers to protect children from online risks.

The survey findings back the NSPCC's recent report which sets out how a regulator would enforce a legal duty of care to children on social networks. You can read [Taming the Wild West Web here](#).

The NSPCC has also set up an online petition urging people to back their call for a regulator and other recommendations including the creation of safe accounts for children. You can [sign the petition here](#). Read the full story from [Charity Digital News](#).

The NSPCC logo consists of the letters "NSPCC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid green square.

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### **Are patients benefiting from better integrated care?**

Over the past 20 years there have been numerous initiatives to encourage more joined-up care between services, focusing on meeting individuals' needs. The [Five Year Forward View](#) set out a vision for transforming the NHS and social care in England to become more integrated. Not quite five years on, we now have a new [Long-Term Plan](#), which once again has closer integration of services at its core. So how much progress has been made? [This blog from Nuffield Trust](#), explores a study by QualityWatch into just this, and explains the findings.

## Resources

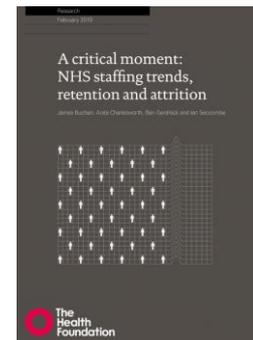
### **Social prescribing and community-based support: Summary guide**

NHS England has released a guide for people and organisations leading local implementation of social prescribing. It is designed to increase understanding of what good social prescribing looks like and how it can improve outcomes for people; to help with the commissioning of local social prescribing connector schemes; and to support collaborative working amongst all local partners at a 'place-based' local level. You can [download the guide here](#).

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### **NHS staffing, trends, retention and attrition**

The Health Foundation has released its third annual report analysing the staff profile and trends in the NHS workforce in England. The report – A Critical Moment - also focuses in more detail on two critical 'pressure points' – the retention and attrition of NHS staff in general, and then student nurse attrition. It is being published at a critical moment. [The NHS Long Term Plan](#), published in January 2019, sets out an ambitious programme of service-delivery expansion and change. It recognises that the NHS workforce can be the enabler of its objectives. However, if the existing workforce shortages continue, they will severely hinder progress. You can [read the report online and order a hard copy here](#).



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### **Universal Personalised Care: Implementing the Comprehensive Model**

NHS England plans for personalised care to benefit up to 2.5 million people by 2024, giving them the same choice and control over their mental and physical health that they have come to expect in every other aspect of their life. [This document](#) confirms how NHS England will do this by 2023/24. It is the action plan for the rolling out personalised care across England.

## Blogs

[New Local Government Network](#) is embarking on a new research project, supported by Local Trust, to set out how a new model of community-led commissioning would work in practice. This blog sets out the thinking behind it and how you can get involved.



[Patrick Butler](#) argues that minor tweaks can't address the deep, inhuman flaws of universal credit, in this article for The Guardian.

[Sirinda Bhandal](#) from Simply Connect asks 'Shall we just stop calling it social prescribing?', after all it's something Volunteer Centres and CVS have been doing up and down the country for at least 50 years.

[National Voices](#) has launched a new blog series showcasing how its members are enabling person centred care. First up is [Groundswell](#), sharing how their peer advocacy programme is helping those experiencing homelessness to get coordinated and compassionate care.

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#### [Stay connected with the HW Alliance newsletter](#)

Please encourage the VCSE organisations you work with to sign up to the monthly edition of the Department of Health's voluntary sector team's newsletter. They can be added by emailing: [HWAlliance@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:HWAlliance@dh.gsi.gov.uk). The newsletter includes updates on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance and news from the DH, NHS England and Public Health England.



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